EE DENIES THREAT F RAILWAY STRIKE

ief of Trainmen Warned Kansas City Local Not to Take Such Action.

TUATION SEEMS ACUTE

0 Chairmen in Cleveland Balk at Hines's Compromise. in Pay for Overtime.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25 .- Reports that national leaders of the four railway brotherhoods in session at Cleveland were iding secret discussions as to whether a strike of railway workers in the United States should be called by Decomber 1 and which gained wide circulation and considerable credence in Chi-

received a telegram from the Kansas City local saying that the trainmen and yardmen there had decided to strike to-morrow and that he had warned them if they thought they were "bigger the United States Government" he had no advice to give them.

Knowledge of the Kansas City situa-tion and of similar pressure from other ocals is what gave impetus to the re-

union officials in Chicago from the information was obtained ed that so far as they were aware secret conference in Cleveland had yet reached the point where resolu-his or motions for the strike actually d been presented but that the dissilon concerning it to-day, according their information, was favorable to project and that the fleup could be cted within three days. A similar uncement was made late to-day at convention of the newly organized bor party here.

Large Locals Are Insistent.

Buffalo, Detroit, Pittsburg and St. cities whose locals were particularly sistent that a strike be called in view recent governmental statements to service at to-morrow's meefing.

some union quarters it was stated same hours, are eliminated. at the real reason why the national | ncials in Cleveland hesitated to make announcement of the strike or to be a general wage increase was discussed ced in the position of directing the informally at to-day's session.

Outside of the overtime offer, the reposed strike call was their fear of ske injunctions and that it was their to await the crisis which was ted from the action of the rank d file of railway union men.

KANSAS CITT, Mo., Nov. 25,-Informaobtained to-night was that the local men's union had decided to await action of the Cleveland convention ore striking. It was intimated that the event a anational railroad strike called the walkout would begin in neas City and spread to other rall-

Union difficials to-night were emphatic their assertions that there was no ke pending and that matters in diste betewen the rallway men and tha

reived no word that a strike might be There is nothing I know of that

ild lead me to expect a strike in the

to cry strike, but I can say that to. The workmen did not leave the shops but local railroad efficials have not but stood by their jobs ready to resume work upon receipt of the back pay they ons are more serious than they have

NO STRIKE TALK IN CLEVELAND SESSION

Only Purpose, Leaders Say, Is to Act on Hines's Terms.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 25 .- William G. Lee, sident of the Brotherhood of Railroad inmen, issued the following state-

No motion or resolution pertainfor to a quick strike has come be-fore the conference of general chair-men of the four railroad brotheroods in session here for action, and do not know whether any such otion or resolution will be pre-

I received messages to-day from ansas City, saying that trainmen and yardmen had decided to strike the 26th (to-merrow) unless a worable reply to their request for creased pay to overcome the high ost of living is granted.

I have said to all of them, in reply,

hat if they think they are bigger han the United States Government, rhich is operating the railroads at resent, I have no advice to give

Timothy Shea, acting president of the otherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, clared that it is "neither the purpose the spirit of the Cleveland confer-e to discuss a strike."

"All we will consider here," asserted Mr. Shea, "is Mr. Hines's time and a if proposal for overtime. I know at discussion or action on a general trike to force general wage increases is on the programme here. I believe I as a safely that it will not be possi-

if indeed it is attempted, for any

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was Mr. Hines's proposal for time and a half for evertime work. Of course, we are all getting telegrams and etters from our locals urging us to stand pat. There was no discussion, either by the chiefs in secret or in the meeting of a that they will have a further hearing, general strike, only as a speaker would Ford declared the Federal officials had make passing reference to strikes in unimpeachable proof that Dr. Dean was general. Of course, I cannot say what murdered to prevent exposure by him of will be the action of the meeting if the information he had of German activities

in conference here by the four chief executives to consider the offer of Director-General of Railroads Hines granting time and one-half to-day to accept the "away from home up the matter again and give exclusive rule." but did not reach a vote on the attention to its consideration.

occupied most of to-day's two sessions many delegates hitterly opposing the overtime proposition.

From an authoritative source it was learned to-night that in all probability the delegates will reject the offer of time and one-half for overtime in slow freight

effect that general advances in the of railway workers could not be sponse to the brotherhoods request for sidered at this time. The fourteen a general wage increase of approximately threls of Chicago railwaymen, it was 50 per cent, and grants time and ene-sid, had voted unanimously in favor of half for overtime in slow freight service, the strike and that a resolution asking provided arbitrary allowances now given a strike decision had been sent to in many of the schedules in effect, which create double or more payment for the

It is said to-night that the pending demand of the firemen and trainmen for

quest for a general increase in wages made by the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of the high cost of living, has not been answered by the Director-General.
The Brotherhood of Railroad Conduc tors, it is understood, supports the wage demands presented by the firemen and

trainmen.
The Brotherhood of Engineers has no wage demands before the Director-Gen-

600 RAIL MEN QUIT; DEMAND BACK PAY

Delay Closes W. & M. Shop at Hagerstown, Md.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Nov. 25 .- Demanding immediately payment of back wages mediate future," said W. M. Corbett, from last May, 600 botter makers, pipe from last May, 600 boiler makers, pipe signalling by lights was more pro-fifters, machinists and other craftsmen nounced than at other times, and it is

The Railroad Administration is preparing back pay vouchers for the workmen as fast as possible, with the view of paying, at the same time, all those to whom back pay is due. It is said to give the information to the war intellithis will not be forthcoming until the togive the information to the war intelligence officers, said Ford, "and that was the reason he was killed."

If the local shop men hold out in their demands until they receive the back pay the shops will remain idle, as the con pany is making no effort to replace Company officials say they look for an

early return to work by the men.

12 Planes Bestroyed in Gas Blast. RANTOUL, Ill., Nov. 25 .- Twelve army airplanes and a hangar were destroyed by fire at Chanute Field to-day as a result of what was believed to have been a gasolene explosion.



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GOVERNOR PLANS ACTION

Bert Ford, Boston Newspaper Man, Tells of Signals to Submarines.

Special Despatch to The Suy. CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 25 .- Evidence hat Count von Bernstorff, the dismissed German Ambassador, made at least two visits to Dublin, N. H., during which he made long automobile inspection trips to East Jaffrey, in company with Lawrence Maens Colfeit of New case railway union circles were denied to-special way union circles were denied to-special way union circles were denied to-special way at a hearing on a percent to-day by W. G. Lee, president of the ference into a vote on a general strike."

A statement by L. E. Sheppard, president or dent of the Order of Railroad Conductors, denied "any secret meetings here investigation of the murder of Dr. Will-to-day between the brotherhood chiefs in Kendrick Dean in East Jaffrey the investigation of August 13, 1918. York and another man, was laid before

Bert Ford, a Boston newspaper man weeks recently, was the only witness heard to-day but his testimony so 'm-pressed Gov. Bartlett and the councillors time and a half proposal is defeated."

The 500 general chairmen of the four great railroad brotherhoods called in conference here by the four action because of the political and high social prominence of some of the per-

sons involved.

The Dean case was not reached by for overtime in slow freight service and the Rovernor and Council until late in a uniform sixteen hour rule for crews the day owing to other business, but held away from home terminals, voted after the holiday the council will take

Attorney-General Present.

'Attorney-General Oscar L. Young, who presented evidence at a previous Grand Jury inquest which brought no indic nrents, was present at the hearing and in a brief statement declared there was not sufficient evidence presented at that hearing to warrant indictments. The Governor and Councillors, however, were impressed with the story of Ford and expressed a desire to hear more.

Ford told of the presence of many Germans at Jaffrey, Dublin and other places in that mountainous section, perfectly adapted for signalling to German submarines off the coast. He told of in controvertible evidence by scores of resi-dents of the section that lights were seen flashing from mountain tops and

nouses on eminences.
On each of the visits of Count von Bernstorff a local photographer was taken along on the automobile trips. Ford says, pictures being taken showing the topographical outlines. The photographer, Edward Boan, heard Colfelt ddress the stranger as "Bernstorff' Ford said, but he did not realize who "Bernstorff" really was until later when he saw a newspaper picture of the German Ambassador.

German Ambassador.

"At the time Bernstorff was in Jaffrag," said Ford, "the section was filled with Germans and scores of sailors from the interned German ships were working on the large estates of summer residents thereabout. They had figguent meetings and did not hestlate to tamper with mail that came to American guests, particularly the mail of it member of the Secret Service which bore the official Government seal. Men in American uniforms met the Germans at those conms met th

"Bernstorff was there "Incog." Ford testified, which aroused the suspicions of persons who knew him and saw him, al-though he endeavored to keep under fitters, machinists and other craftsmen nounced than at other times, and it is fitters, the course the entire situation depends upon the action taken at Cleve-here are always a few hot heads and. There are always a few hot heads berrefused to go to work to-day.

The workmen did not leave the shops but I can say that to but stood by their jobs ready to resume

The workmen did not leave the shops but I can say that the destruction of merchant ships off the New England coast within the three mile limit by German submarines."

For deglared the information he had the coars with the destruction of merchant ships of the coars within the three mile limit by German submarines." was convincing that the Germans at Jafrey were in communication with the layed regularly from Mount Monadnock which is the first point of land visible to

oming vessels off the New England

BERNSTORFF NAMED MARSDEN ACQUITTED NEW AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 .-- Lieutenant-Commander Christopher Marsden, who was placed on trial at the Brooklyn navy yard on charges growing out of the bribery scandal in the Third Naval district, has been acquitted, it was an-nounced at the Navy Department to-day. Marsden was cleared for lack of evidence to justify the allegations of

> Marsden was accused in the testimony of Louis Markowitz of conspiring with Lieut. Benoit J. Ellert to provide easy berths in the Naval Reserve force for men who would pay the price. The sums he was alleged to have taken in this manner were from \$200 to \$3,000. One of the unusual developments at he court-martial was the withdrawal of Commander Gustave Harris as a member of the special court-martial board after he had inserted in the record a strong testimonial to Marsden's honesty. Marsden is 53 and has followed the sea for thirty-five years. He was enrolled in the Naval Reserve force in 1917 and made head of the district recruiting office in Manhattan in February, 1918, remaining until last July.

record of the trial was not made public.

CURTIS SEES ROSY FUTURE.

Philadelphia Publisher Sees Need of Brains and Courage.

The to-morrow of the publishing business will be higger than ever before, but it will require more brains, courage and capital than now," declared Cyrus H. K. Curtis, guest of honor and principal speaker at the 164th dinner of the Sphinx Club, an association of advertising men and journalists, given in the Waldorf-Astoria last night. Mr. Curtis supplemented this statement by telling supplemented this statement by telling of the great increase in direulation contemplated in the near future for periodicals of which he is the publisher.

Other speakers were Irvin S. Cobb, James Montgomery Plagg and Louis C. M. Reed. At the speakers table were William G. McAdoo and F. A. Wilson-

Lawrenson. George Ethridge, president of the organization, presided.

TO CONTINUE STEEL STRIKE. National Committee Acts Carne

Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 25 .- The national committee in charge of the steel strike meeting at Pittsbburg yesterday voted unantmously to continue he strike, it was announced here to-

gie Plant Normal.

day by S. T. Hammersmark, secretary in charge of local strike headquarters. The Carnegie Steel Company for the first time since the steel strike began to-day claimed operation at 100 per cent, in all its plants of the Youngstown district. The sixth blast furnace, was started to-day and two more open hearth furnaces, making a total of e'even. One blast furnace, down since list spring, and two open hearth furnaces down for repairs are the only lidle equipment, the statement said. Offi-cials showed payrolls fotalling over 6,000 men, comparing with 6,700, the largest number employed before strike.



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Baron Romano Avezzano, the new Ralian Ambassador, who arrived yesterimplication in the system of graft to obtain promotions, it was stated. The day on the steamship Mauretania, is an ligations." up to the minute diplomat in American practices, which may be partly accounted for by his experience in this country and the fact that his wife, formerly Miss Marie Jacquelia Taylor, is a native of Missouri. He is the first Ambassador to being along a typewritten interview for newspaper men. He introduced his "talk" with a complimentary paragraph telling of the importance of reporters and "journalism as a means of spreading knowledge among thoughtful men and shaping public opinion," and assured the reporters that kaly stall retained the sincere friend-ship she had ever felt for America, and ship she had ever felt for America, and that the Italians would not forget in peace the generous help bestowed in days of trial by America.

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ter of the late Mortimer Taylor of St. Louis, their daughter Yolanda and

Prince Eugenio Ruspoli, an attache of the embassy at Washington, and for

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